

The Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Ferguson with Councilmembers Simillion, Stone, Smits and Duba present, along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Collins, City Clerk Davidson, Finance Director Hanson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, some interested citizens and the press.

**Consent Agenda****Regular Session Minutes of November 11, 2003****Water Stipulation Agreement for Bonanza Development****West Gunnison Sanitation District Agreement**

Mayor Ferguson stated these items have already been reviewed and can be acted upon with a single motion or vote. He asked if any Councilmember or anyone else wanted to remove an item from the consent agenda to be acted upon separately. There was no request.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to approve Consent Agenda items A, B, and C, as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Pre-Scheduled Citizens:**

**Ernie Young of Adelphia Cable - Update on Cable Services and Rate Changes.** Mayor Ferguson explained that Mr. Young had contacted the City Clerk earlier this evening and he is in Telluride and will not be able to attend this evening's meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2004 City Budget.** Finance Director Hanson stated she had no additional items for the 2004 City Budget. Councilmember Smits asked about the variances in the salaries listed in the budget. Director Hanson explained the salaries will be finalized after the performance evaluations were completed in early December. Currently, the budget reflects a flat 5% increase for all employees.

**New Business:**

**Appointment of Councilmembers and Community Members to Community Center Architectural Services Selection Committee.** City Manager Collins stated the RFP was sent out last Friday. The request was advertised both locally and in architectural publications. The City has received 11 calls so far regarding the request for proposals. Staff is asking for two City Councilmembers to sit on the Architectural Services Selection Committee. Councilmembers Simillion and Duba volunteered to serve on the Committee.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Smits seconded the motion to appoint Councilmember Simillion and Councilmember Duba as the City Council representatives along with Reta Calkins, Rick Tonneson, and Skippy White as the community members and City Manager Collins and Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro as the Staff representatives to the Community Center Architectural Services Selection Committee.

Roll call vote, yes: Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Councilmember Smits suggested the City open up the Committee to any further community members, for two community-at-large members. City Manager Collins stated absolutely. Staff will advertise for two additional community members. The City Manager reminded Council there is a tight time line, with the proposals due back December 10<sup>th</sup>. A short list will be quickly created, then 3 to 5 firms will be interviewed on December 18 and 19. If a community member would like to participate, they need to be on board by December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Community-at-Large members could be selected at the December 9, Regular Session. This process will allow everyone an opportunity to participate. City Manager Collins asked if any Councilmember knows of someone interested to get their name to Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro.

**Set Executive Session for December 9, 2003, for City Manager's Performance Review.**

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion to set an Executive Session for December 9, 2003, at the end of the regular agenda for a personnel matter, the City Manager's performance review.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Mayor Ferguson informed the City Manager he would like to have a self-appraisal from him for basis of discussion. Council concurred. Councilmember Smits asked if past Council's had appraised both the City Clerk and the Finance Director? Councilmember Stone stated Council has never evaluated these Staff members, even though they are appointed by Council. The City Manager evaluates their performance. City Manager Collins stated he would appreciate any comments or feedback on any Staff members prior to his evaluation of them.

**Letter of Support for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Tenderfoot Child Care Center.**

City Manager Collins stated this letter of support has been requested by County Manager John DeVore. Carol Dawson, of Gunnison County Public Health, will be submitting a Community Development Block Grant application for the Tenderfoot Child Care and Development Center. This grant money is federal money channeled through state offices. The City Manager has crafted the letter that they have in their packets.

Councilmember Duba moved and Councilmember Smits seconded the motion approve the Letter of Support for a Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) for the Tenderfoot Child Care Center.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No. 15, Series 2003, Re: Setting 2003 Mill Levy, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

Councilmember Stone introduced Ordinance No. 15, Series 2003, and it was read by title only by the City Attorney with the tax levy of 3.868 mills being read into the record.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 15, Series 2003, **AN ORDINANCE SETTING A TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

Roll call vote, yes: Smits, Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance No. 16, Series 2003, Re: Adopting and Appropriating the 2004 City Budget, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

Councilmember Stone introduced Ordinance No. 16, Series 2003, and it was read by title with Section 2. the appropriations for fiscal year 2003, being read into the record by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Stone moved and Councilmember Simillion seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 16, Series 2003, **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND APPROPRIATING AN ANNUAL BUDGET**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

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Roll call vote, yes: Duba, Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**Ordinance No. 17, Series 2003, Re: Additional Appropriation to the 2003 City Budget, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

Councilmember Smits introduced Ordinance No. 17, Series 2003, and it was read by title and with Section 1. the additional funds being appropriated, being read into the record by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Duba moved and Councilmember Smits seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 17, Series 2003, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

Roll call vote, yes: Simillion, Stone, Ferguson, Smits, Duba. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

**City Attorney:** Reported there has been progress on the transfer of the firehouse from Gunnison County to the City and the Fire District. The transfer should be completed in the next month.

**City Manager Collins:** Reported 1. He had received a call from Qwest Communications and they indicated DSL will be offered in Gunnison and Crested Butte starting next month. 2. The Energy Impact Grant application requesting \$500,000.00 for the Community Center project will be completed tomorrow. The City Manager thanked Staff for their assistance with the application. The hearing on the grant application will take place in March, 2004. 3. Informed Council the Community Center project RFP has gone out and the City has received 11 inquiries to date. Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro will give Council an update in his report next Thursday. 4. The upper skating rink has been flooded this week and the lights are now installed on the lower rink. Some of the hockey parents are helping with framing of the locker rooms in the new cabin. 5. Lastly, the City Manager mentioned a note he sent to Council last week regarding the City's insurance. The Insurance Trustees have voted to not charge the employees participating in the City's insurance program their December premiums. This is due to the positive state of the insurance fund. The City Manager thanked the Insurance Trustees and Councilmember Simillion for making this possible.

Mayor Ferguson thanked all the City employees as well for keeping the insurance fund costs down. It is a significant cost savings to the City as well.

**Acting City Manager: Finance Director Hanson - Finance Departmental Report. :** Stated Council had received her semi-annual departmental report in their packets. The report included a summary of the Finance Department projects completed since May. Councilmember Stone thanked Director Hanson for the good report.

**City Clerk Davidson:** Informed Council the County has tentatively selected Thursday January 8, or Monday, January 19, for the Economic Development Summit. Council stated Monday, January 19, late in the afternoon worked best for them. The City Clerk will relay this information back to the County. Also, the Youth City Council was successful in raising the needed \$500 for the seed money for the El Pomar Youth in Community Service \$7,500 Grant. City Clerk Davidson thanked Council for their continuing support of the Youth City Council. Lastly, the City Clerk stated there is only one item scheduled for next Tuesday's Work Session and if Council had no other items for the meeting, the Work Session could be canceled. Council agreed to cancel the Tuesday, December 2, 2003, Work Session meeting. City Clerk Davidson asked Council if they would be available on December 23, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the month. Councilmember Duba and Mayor Ferguson will not be available. Discussion ensued on canceling the December 23, Regular Session and setting a Special Session meeting for Friday, December 19, at 5:00 P.M. The Special Session can be set at the next Regular Session on December 9th.

**Non-Scheduled Citizens:** None.

**General Discussion/Items for Work Sessions:**

**Councilmember Duba:** Stated the Gunnison Main Street Program, on which he serves as the City Council representative, has elected a board and set their regular meetings for Monday evenings at 5:30 P.M. They meet approximately once a month. Unfortunately, he has another commitment on Monday evenings. He has asked the Main Street group to keep him informed and Community Development Director Hannon has been attending the meetings as well. Councilmember Stone stated he may be able to cover those meetings after the first of the year. It depends upon his schedule.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

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Mayor

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City Clerk